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**FOR: IMPROVED LIFTING SLING HAVING :**  
**A TENACIOUS COATING WITH METHODS :**  
**OF MANUFACTURING AND MONITORING :**  
**THE SAME :**

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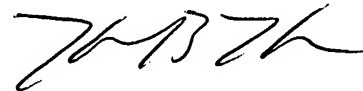
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Respectfully Submitted,



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